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Kaomi, Wang Chia
Kuan Chuang

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May 24, 1933

Dearest Mummie Mine,

Now I've an opportunity to send a letter in to Tsingtao so I will write as much as I can,

Since I wrote last, when I was in for Local council meeting much has happened. We've had some rather interesting times to say the least, I couldn't get off, as I wrote you before, on Saturday & as I was expected in the country. Here when I did arrive on Mon. a. m. I found that a large group of the class had walked on Saturday the 5 li (1 2/3 mi) to meet me. Miss Hua & Miss Tan, several of the women & a couple of the men in the group, They were so disappointed — naturally — walk that far to meet one, Monday a. m. we got the early train & with the two sugar sacks full ext

2] plunder & started off on the path thru the wheat fields. My! but the sun was hot! Before we had gone far here I saw Miss Tan & Miss Hu who had come with one other woman bringing our parsols to meet me! They surely had done all possible to meet me! Miss Hu had had a cough & cold all the time & wasn't much better but had gone on with classes. We were to have left on the following Thursday but here the cook got suddenly very sick, & we sent a messenger to say we'd wait till Saturday, Those few days more there were very fruitful & we were glad to be there. Well, Friday P.M. I decided that since Warren's judgment was that I could just conquer cramps by will I would surely try my very best! — But — If I ever came near passing out with pain I did for several hours Friday Eve, Miss Tan stayed with me — The capsules just gave no relief at all — There again

3] it was time to travel on & they were coming with barrows for us Saturday. Miss Hua got up Sat a.m. apparently well — but she soon was doubled up on the kang. Miss Tam & cook got the luggage packed & except for barest necessities we sent the things on with the barrows about noon. Sunday a.m. the little group with such enthusiasm instituted a Sunday offering & we gave some too for special purpose of getting benches for the room where they worshipped. The night service was just wonderful — testimonies of new life & new resolutions. They at the very last of the service — Satan surely did have an inning! Two women who for various reasons had gradually become estranged & something that was said at "flew off" & my what she didn't say & the other answered" We were just sick to have such a thing happen especially before non-Christians! & just at the end of such a good time in meetings.

4) The woman just as soon as she'd finished regretted it - Well, we brought the two of them together & got out the root of the 2 years misunderstanding, Well, we surely had a time - none of us slept that night, all felt that Christ had been so disgraced before all, Mr. Kuo insisted that we stay over another day, Well we did & spent the a.m. trying to get the troubledug out & prayed out & P.M. had class, That night both of them apologized before the group - It seemed to be over all right, Then Tues a.m. we expected to go for sure since we'd already delayed 5 days, It began to rain a very fine rain. We surely were puzzled as to what we should do & what was the Father's will. It just seemed that all sorts of hindrances had come to keep us from ever getting to this place "Kuan Chuang." We got all ready & waited & soon it seemed to clear up &

5] the men said "all right go!" The group there wept as we prayed in parting + how we do hope that they can be one in spirit + in love.
We hadn't gone far until it rained a wee bit but not bad, one place was especially bad. a clay said that with each revolution of the wheelbarrow wheel it was filled with mud + the men had to use hands to dig it off! Needless to say we were walking over this. The clay stuck to our feet so + we collected mud heels! Much to Miss Hua's pleasure! Her shoes didn't so she could laugh at us. Here the wheat was especially tall.
The last part of the trip it did rain but used umbrellas + barrow with things went ahead + wasn't wet.
Here we found several factions + anything but a wholesome spirit, we had one night's meetings + one day's classes; Miss Hua went to one + next day she was ill really ill. As far as I can figure she had a bad case

4) of real flu. The third day it just rained buckets full, all day long & all night. This was her worst day & it surely was an anxious one for us all. The greatest burden was mine of course. By evening as she was pretty sick & once before a Chinese Dr. had cured her they sent for him. I felt in case of anything more serious all would feel better to have done all possible. He gave her vegetable compound — but she only vomited & seemed to get more uncomfortable & flighty & restless! We were having 4 meetings a day & with the worry about her we were surely weary — added to it the spirit of contention in the church! Two others had been here before for meetings — one sent off & the other only caused more strife. Praise the Master tho! Never have we had such prayer & never have I just called black & black with such a vehemence. Mrs. Fan said "I heard you thinking away"! Praise to Him. The one

7) who has been the cause of it all has humbly taken all & had really changed. He got up at the early prayer meeting & said he wanted to speak a few words, Miss Fan was sure the opposition & open arguing was on! Here he humbly confessed that all the deadness in the church was his sin & that he was a stumbling block. How we praised God. Sunday there were folk from many villages & there was unusual power. How I praise Him! I truly feel that the Holy Spirit Himself has done a mighty work. Miss Hua gradually has improved but it has been slow. She has been so sick at her stomach - I can be grateful for the illness in Korea for I learned about H.C.L. & it is fortunate I've had it for her these few days. She is so much better now. Tomorrow the cook will take her home & Miss Fan & I will be able to go to two more villages before the wheat harvest & we have to go in &

8] for mission meeting. Likely will be going in about the 9 or 10 th of June or thereabout. Mission meeting will "begin June 21. Please be remembering the speech.

Where we are living there's the most lovely garden fruit trees + roses —. We have a bouquet of peonys on our table just lovely as can be. They pink + white + red — just enormous, + so fragrant. At one home with its large court-yard has a rose garden — They have one most unusual rose — called "Fragrant for Li Hounsod Li" a lovely pink + yellow mixed colors — something like the small tea roses at home only this is large. The ramblers are in bloom too. This is such a lovely time of the year. The wheat is so green + has grown so! It isn't too hot nor too cold. The days are so long Prayer meeting at 4:30 - for 1 hr then we sleep an hour or so — + have a sleep at noon. The country is the

 busiest now of all the year. These next two weeks tho are
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going to be very busy ones. All are preparing for wheat harvest. Women must grind up enough flour & millet & corn so that they can just cook & help on the threshing floor. No time that week to wash or grind. We'll be able to have night meetings only I expect. Since the rain these days the men have been in the fields pulling weeds. I just wonder where the seeds come from. The fields are kept so clean it seems to me a weed never goes to seed & roadsides are combed clean for roots —

Mumsie dear, how are you honey — I am so glad for you, mumsie dear. You are such a sweet unselfish, mother dear. This time last year we were about to leave New York. How quickly the time does fly here I've been home on furlough & back now almost a year!

How marvelous the year has been. The Holy Spirit has surely does blest & has blessed our witness this year especially — How I praise Him! How I do love Him. Thank you all for your prayers — keep up — Pray that He will keep & lead on to fruit 100 fold in their lives,

Have some more letters to write tonight, am writing now by candle light, Miss Tan has gone to meeting —

Much love precious

Mummy. There are two demon possessed here at the class. The one we prayed for 3 years ago is perfectly well & is an earnest sincere Christian, It is a joy to see her, —

Bye dear ones! Love to all. How's feeling Ray?

+ Dear old Mrs. Wang
+ Miss Hua sends her love. Irene,

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June 14, 1933

Miss I. Forsythe,
Tsingtao.

Dear Miss Forsythe,

I regret to state that the check we sold for you on the 24th of April has been returned to us with the reason "withdrawals restricted to 5%". We have, therefore, had to charge your account with the equivalent at today's rate, of M$11.65, which has been charged to us by the bank. We return the check herewith.

Yours very cordially,

C. M. Myers

MW

New No. 2. Tsi Yang Road
Tsingtao, Shantung
June 18. 1933

My Precious Mumsie;
The time since your last letter has been entirely too long. I'm so sorry. This A.M. now I'll do nothing else but get some word off to you. One time that I could have + didn't get a letter off I am to blame for, the other weeks have been under the unavoidable causes. You're just so sweet about the delayed letters that it makes me feel all the worse about when I might have gotten one off. I wrote last from the country when the cook was taking Miss Huo in home, the Miss Fan + I went on to another place + it was impossible to write there. We came home June 5 + as I'd had word that Walter's might come at once, I had to be unusually rushed getting house in order, + furnishing the upstairs (attic) room so I could care for them. This was just along with getting my spring physical exam, dental, all of which had to

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be off before mission meeting. I had expected to get all off + have this week to write to all, write yearly reports + get my message done for Mission meeting when — "Man proposes but God disposes" is right I've been in bed practically all week with this dose of cramps, Warning! will power — medicine I guess will have to have some more will added to it! for these two times have been worst of all, — Early Mon a.m. just 4:30 — Such awful suffering — we finally got Dr. Weischer by about 7:30 or eight + then when cook went for the medicine (a rectal pessary for pain) they said they'd have to have two hours to make it! I thought I'd just gone my limit then! Lydia Riel, the Lutheran nurse, came along + when she heard that she just flew over + got me same thing from their hospital, She surely saved my life! figuratively for it gave immediate relief. I don't know why no one before ever gave me that way. I always vomited whatever

3) other medicine just at the time I needed it. I think that this new method is going to be fine! That I can't vomit & it will save just so much! of suffering. Dr. Wischer says the same as Drs. at home that an operation is not necessary but still to take those pills to build up & make up what the natural state doesn't do.
This time along with the weakness that has followed is much like the time I taught at Woodburn that June —.
I'll be all right, I'm sure do not worry about me. I'll have a good rest till August & be fit as can be. I only wanted you to know why the delay in the letter. Mission meeting begins on Wed. & my message is not worked out beautifully! I had planned to do so much on it. Here tomorrow I'll have to take some certain worm medicine that may stretch me out for the day & my message still wait. Anyway, I'm not worrying at all — the Master knows — perhaps He wants me more empty that He can use

4 me more — anyway the success or failure is up to Him & I'm at ease about it. Mr. Abbott (Dr. now) you remember who came for tea & came while we were making the sandwiches in the apt! Well, both he & his wife have had a marvelous new religious change & the year has been the greatest of their lives, too, as it has for many in the mission as a result. He called yesterday & told about two business men here in city who have just this year been saved & utterly changed. One Mr. McMullins thru personal work & reading the book "For Sinners Only" — a business-society man wife an Anglican — who isn't much help to him. She can't understand what its all about — says she's been a Christian all her life but why make such a fuss about it & why stop drinking etc??

5 The other is an Englishman — says he was regularly drunk once every week & often two or three times. He for several weeks had stirrings of conscience but humanly no person had a part in his conversion except that when he saw the book "For Sinners Only" he asked if it was loaned to him. He says "I was down & out enough (respectability down & out) to know when I read that that it was real & no "pussy-footing" could help me". He, just by himself fought it out & has come just clean in surrender. Says he'll give up anything for Christ, his girl, his work anything. The wonderful part too is that he no longer craves drink — went to a dinner & it did not even phase him. The rest just looked at him but fortunately didn't force him to drink nor say much. Do pray for these — if anyone can touch that group it is they. He at once witnessed to everyone he met, employer & everyone. Transforming. Since my topic is "This Ministry - Lives"

6) Mr. Abbott has suggested that at the end of the hour they witness + I think it will be splendid. My talk will most center on II Cor 3:18 rather than the whole chapter + emphasis on the point of whether we ourselves are first transformed to His Image as the first requisite in transforming others — This has been for years a favorite verse + I've used it in Chinese so much that I'm glad he gave me this chapter, I'd much rather do it in Chinese tho — I'll just confess my English isn't as fluent as my Chinese!

The last days at Kuan Chuang were wonderful! We set two days to rest but it turned out that they were two days of praying with folks — The Spirit do so marvelously break thru one groups, who said "no changed life is essential just believe + be baptized + your saved" + even that Jesus words to Nicodemus

7] didn't apply to Chinese — & the other group thru some unfortunate things & much spiritual pride, has condemned all that former group to hell!

Well, we just hit right & left first this group & then that. They were like the blind men discussing the elephant one holding the tail & the other feeling the side. The old elder who had openly argued with several former groups of leaders & sent them off was just miserable spiritually — We expected after each class he'd send us off — but finally at one a.m. prayer meeting, he got up to speak. Miss Fan thought, "our time has come"! But he said, "In the early days emperor Yao, when there was a great draught in praying to Heaven for rain, said all of the sin of China was his own sin & asked for forgiveness. I can't take that high a position, but my church's lack of progress & coldness of heart & the division is all my sin. Please pray with me for God's forgiveness" That was some breakdown for

8) Elder Lu — who has said before one needed not to confess sins at all, to have heard him later urging others to confess & to have to be born again you'd have rejoiced too I'm sure. The demon-possessed girl was freed & so different — a smiling happy face replaced the dejected listless countenance. She afterward went home again & because of her believing in Christ, an uncle got so angry & caused such a commotion & caused the girl again fright & anger again to go back to the demon control. They took her back again to the Christian home & for a day & night she was wild. The demon said "Well, I've come back & I don't fear your prayers & your singing." Such horrible sounds as came from her mouth — long passages of Wen Li which she couldn't possibly have known herself. They prayed for her & sent word to our meetings to pray. The morning that we came home the old Elder

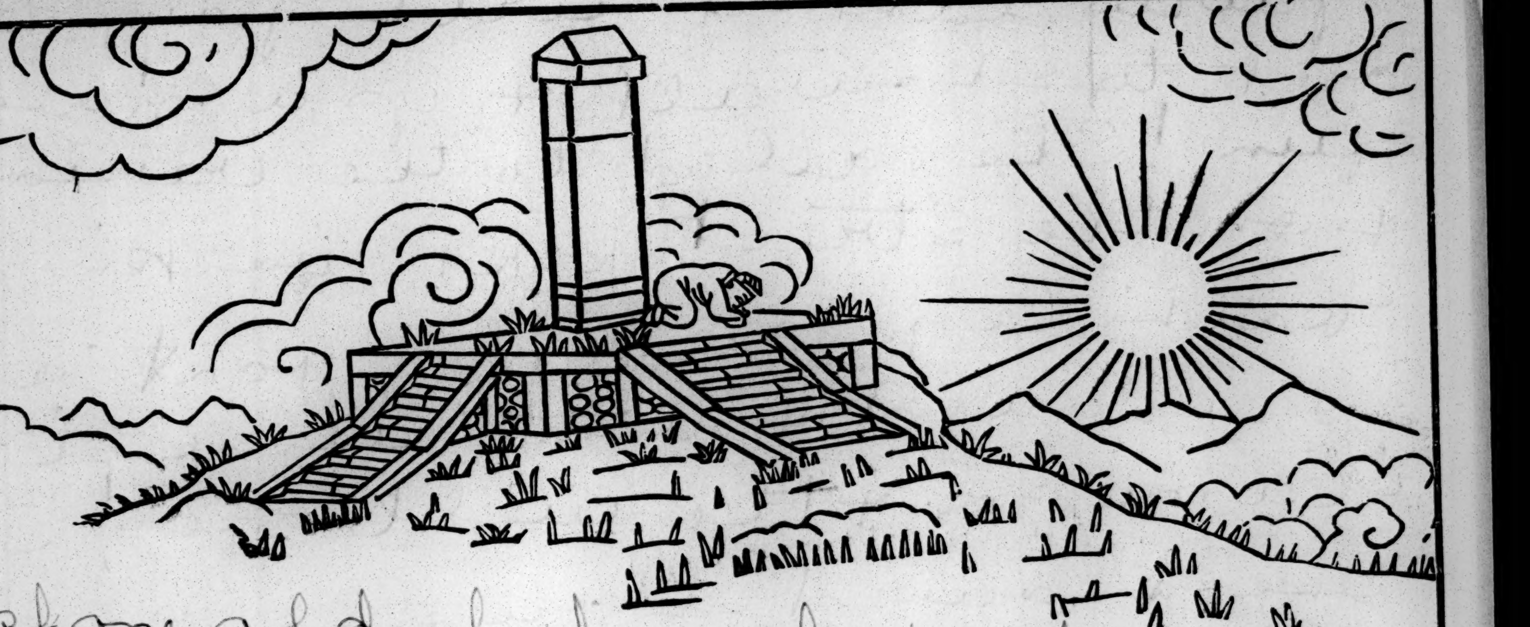
9] walked 7 li (2 1/3 miles) to bring us roses & tell us that she was freed again. This bare mention is just the fringe of a big subject "Demon-possession & Manifestations & Casting Out". We saw the Mrs. Li for whom we'd prayed three years ago & learned from her that after the first time (we knew of it) that she was freed, in class because of pride the demon returned. She'd said to one next her "See how stupid you are with characters & how quick I am". That time then & there her former condition returned. We got her to confess her sin & she was all right again. She told us that again about a year later she had given it entrance again thru anger but by prayer & constant confession she is now perfectly well, & a sweet earnest Christian. She has had untold persecution from her mother-in-law who was also possessed. Her mother now who formerly persecuted her has become a

10] Christian. That place like Gadara of old is especially full of demon-possession in so many forms. We went to the last place on Sat. eve. & soon were settled in an empty school building. It was very hot so we were glad not to have the heated kang there. The cook prepared food where he slept. The wheat harvest was coming fast so we had just a week. We went in mornings to "nearby groups." By seven [illegible] we on the way & come back for dinner. We had meeting on threshing floors in one place, a street chapel in a very large village with a Baptist group two mornings, & in a home with our Christians two afternoons. There is a strange opposition of Satan. In some cases where even nominal Christians are possessed with an evil-spirit which pretends to be Christ Himself & God,

11) In one place we found a woman who for over a year had such. At first she was very violent but when we saw her she'd just sit & not talk & took no responsibility whatever for the home. The second day we prayed with her especially & managed to get her to pray & admit certain sins of hate & envy etc. She cried a bit on prayer. That P.M. (her daughter-in-law said) she got up, planned for the guests of the next day, & sifted the flour from the mill so her daughter-in-law could come to meeting, - the nearest normal for over a year. Saturday, they brought her to a relative's near & she was there for a day & half's meetings. She hadn't spoken to her mother in a year. In our presence she asked her mother's forgiveness & it was touching to see the aching hurt heart of the mother speak forgiveness she already felt & to see the woman herself again. When we left the elder who'd come with the roses who had seen her the year before was amazed at her recovery. Do pray for her - these weak ones who so need His strength. My! how I long

12] for the Master to be able to trust me to let His power flow thru me, to free these poor souls. Satan just does make them suffer so tremendously physically as well as spiritually. There is just so much to tell, of the various conversions & witness given of God's saving power. One man a tinner witnessed how that Market day which fell on Sunday he'd refused to go to market with his wares but kept Sunday & how he'd been so scorned & called crazy! He told how he'd kept, last year the Sabbath & according to count had made up & sold 311 pieces of iron & tin where the year before his conversion he'd worked all the time & made up 295 pieces. He was just bubbling over — "Who wouldn't be willing to be crazy to receive Christ's forgiveness and love." His whole family believe & my but it was a joy to hear him. I saw the woman whose little red paper shrine god I showed at home & heard her testimony.

Altar of Sacrifice
on
Tai Shan



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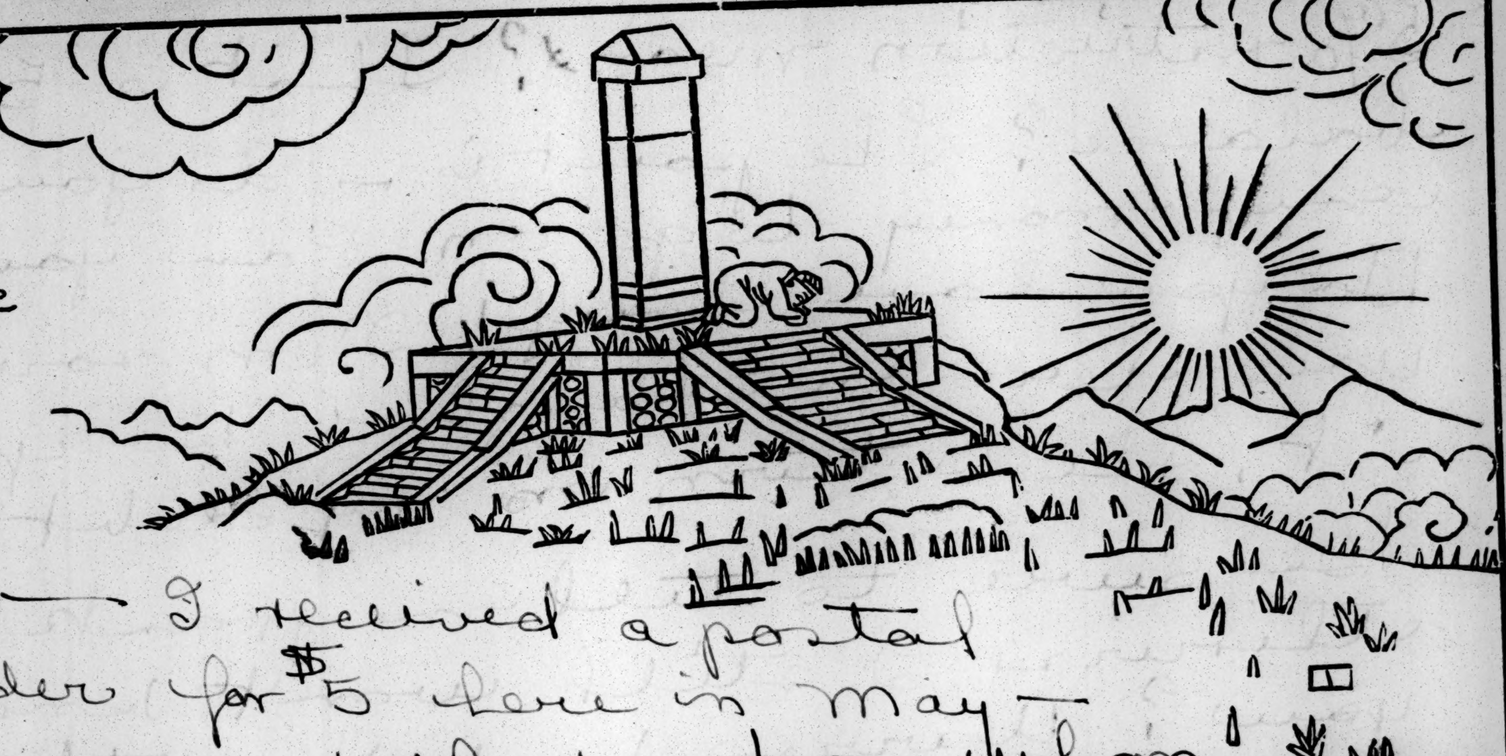
I must tell of one old lady who had so persecuted her two daughters for over a year, She came to stay with a relative for the meetings in answer to her daughter's prayers we know, Her leg was lame & she leaned on a staff & her left arm was lame too she couldn't raise it to comb her hair, She asked all to pray for her leg & arm, I'll confess I hadn't much faith but I was more concerned about her sins & her soul, She has the sweetest spirit of humility! Tell her something was sin & she'd accept it without the least attempt to justify herself & she'd freely say "Oh I have that sin!" One day after meeting we were praying with two others & she suddenly began to weep loudly! After the others had gone, she confessed her sins to Christ & my but she was relieved & happy! "Oh, she said I can bend my leg & raise it" She was so delighted she hurriedly got off the bed & without a limp raised both legs in the air &

fairly danced with joy. She went out to show all & you never saw such fun! She called to the various families & on the street, kept walking lifting both legs out in front as high as she could & both were the same the lame one & the well one! The next day she showed how she could lift her arm straight above her head. Her humility & utter willingness to do all the Master requires was so sweet. She went home one talk & made up with some with whom she'd not spoken for months —

Now Home news. — You should have seen me painting. I've never had time before & now I wanted to get all ready for guests & mission meeting — as this house is new it will be on display. Had a man plane the table top & enamel the bed but Miss Jan & I did the rest — It surely was a change if that is of value to one. We varnished all of the chairs & dressers & everything! I may try to get a picture of my room for you. Mother,

Altar of Sacrifice
on
Tai Shan



15] Mother— I received a postal Money order for $5 here in May— What money is that & from whom & for what? Now what is this $5 check that has just come for? One must be the five from Bertha. I'm going to enclose the former 3-dollar check & the letter that came with it yesterday. I do not understand at all about it. It evidently conflicts with the new banking rules— or something! I've heard of several folks having this same experience So I'll return it to you. The May 18 check I think I'll return also — if it is alright to cash it then return it to me. If not send it by postal order then. This is in itself not such a great matter but what does puzzle me is this! Can't you get as much as $3 from the bank. What does that

5% restriction means? What is 5% of your balance? The point is — do you have enuf money to go on. Can you get enuf? Do you have enuf? I'm saving for you here in Shanghai. Do you want it, the return on my debt to you? Be sure to tell me frankly — otherwise I still won't know about you? Warren hadn't gotten his check for how many months?, How are Eula & Ray making it? Getting any salary? You are paying your share as of old, are you?

I'll enclose an order & if you need it send it at once to Board for cashing. We're cut 20% but I can help you — so don't you dare to hesitate to get what you need. Be sure!

You'd laugh & wonder with me at the cleverness of the Chinese & my ready-made garden! I came home & a few of my seeds had come up in my "crater" in the yard — buried 'neath a new bare board yard wall.

17] The next a.m. a man came along selling flowers (they come daily) pots of something like hollyhocks but not - a tall stem with single purple flowers growing all the way up. He took them out of the pot & planted them & lo they are all growing not even phased by moving - seemingly not even batted an eye) I got 14 pots for 2.00 Mex. present rate about .60 gold & they are all arrayed growing about the wall) My ready-made garden! Mrs. Van gave me a few plants all started to set out between them - so in spite of not being lame I've a few flowers. The seeds from Mr. Bolton I can't fully report on - they were late for last years wheat harvest. One man planted but cut with the other wheat - before ripe but it grew very tall. The other bunch the man was to plant this year & that's not harvested & I've not heard. The vetch grew well - but

I haven't been for a careful report to that place yet; will go this fall. Sorry not to have more to be able to report now. Thank him & all appreciated his sending them much.

There may be a few raspberries living. Mrs. C. has one & Miss Hud that survived. I've scattered the seeds broadcast; Mrs. C. had some larkspur for me in a pot so I'd see it early!

Now, I must go for a nap – this is a wee letter eh? I still am not written out but won't attempt more today –

Much much love to all!

Irene

Tsingtao, Shantung
Presbyterian Mission
July 6, 1933

Dearest Mumsie dear, & all
my Beloved Family;

Now Mission meeting is over & today I must get a word off to you. It seems like all my others, tho I've not been away from a post office that the time is too long, I'll surely do better from now on,

I have three letters May 16, 30, & June 1, besides the big envelope of those from others that you sent me.

Again I feel so sorry to have been the missing one on Mother's day to have a greeting for you but honey mine - I loves you all the same you know. So glad you were so well remembered & that Julia does so remember so thoughtfully,

Hazel, Hope, & the little boy are much much better! Pneumonia up in that cold is bad,

Thank you honey for sending the Gazette bargain. I'll keep it & perhaps use it later. That was what I tried so hard to locate in Chicago, but

2) because I couldn't I have substituted a regular 10 $ premise which for now at least seems quite as satisfactory & as near as I can tell the same in results, I'll save this tho', Thank you

The old yellow paper looked natural. I use it here all the time.

I'm glad you were at the graveyard Decoration Day. I thought about it & wondered if someone would go. Your spring was late wasn't it.

Hope Iva can find paying renters. Margie dearest, you are so sweet honey, I'm so proud of your good grades — sorry you do not enjoy it so well but I'm sure all were glad for a vacation. Speaking of passing reminds me that the schools here have just had government examinations. They were strict & hard. Only those passing can go on to higher High school (last 2 years) Miss Tan's brother passed & she was glad. Even little children must take them to graduate from primary school into high school It will thin out some students &

3) bring a higher class of work -
Mother dear, the moon & stars
can carry my love message to
you each night — they can
get there so fast. Fancy my!
I'll think of you watching the stars!
Mother, I guess I took that first page
which was solidly full of names &
multiplied by pages — I have just re-
counted it & find 1800 some so I was
wrong. I wanted the $2.50 that the
Teaneck folks sent for Christmas to
go in on the letters but if its all
settled & they've returned it all
right, now I must write them
& thank them for it. Later as I have
time I'll make the other lists, but isn't
so satisfactory just to let the
Board send copies as they delete
much so I think later I will tell
them to take off those only ten
anyone names. Well I'm to belong to
all of Oregon, the Woodlawn Enterprise
& all the Oregon's societies east & west
have a share then? Is Portland
included in that also? Do I belong
to the Synodical then? It is interesting
that I take Mrs. Hatch Taylor's place.
I remember her staying with us

4) + taking her morning exercises I slept with her I guess,
Yes that would be fine to send to each Presbyterial sec.
Now the letter I've just done about the wedding — I hadn't thought of sending personally, might later if the Board doesn't want to use it, but will have a few copies typed + they can go to Presbyterials.
You're so sweet to help me dear! + I don't want to take it out of your hands dear. You just help so much. I couldn't manage without you loving mine!
You just can do it all you want to but I don't want to burden you. Perhaps that would be a good solution for Ed to print them + you mail them. Have any used ones been returned to you as before?
I must not have written clearly. I must have meant

5] for you to tell the young women Ruth & (Bee) & those that I was using the bandages they'd made for me. I still have a lot; But if you want to make some later all fine!

I was surely surprised to get the 5 dollars. What pajamas sent was it, the white emb'd or the pongee flowered? It surely went a long way off to be sold Colorado, Please thank Mrs. Lewis for me. I remember her, I don't know that there is anything else there is there to sell.

Duty is so high to send things in. There has been no duty yet on things you've sent me. Later, Here I was delayed for a time by some college boys selling silk things - oh so lovely & so much cheaper than before. I'll send some later.

Were had the pretty things all spread over the house Bessie would just love them but I never knew

6) just what folks want. I
about duty — There are
some nice mens silk pajamas
silk with fine blue stripe
for 7 M ex or about 2 gold
but then I don't know about
sending them. However I can
get dates if they want. I
almost stopped to get them
& then duty stopped me, —
Your little garden & the
pansy seed reminds me of
the little boy & girl in this
yard they often do something
to the flowers but I won't let
the cook tell on them either,
only ask their amah to watch
more closely.
My ready made garden now
is in seed & so dried up
looking. Some of my flowers
will bloom I think —
I find an apr. 14 letter — I
wonder if I congratulated
Ray on the occasion of so-

7] many church members. I want
" soon to write Bernice too, glad
you had flowers for them for
Easter. Roy's Salmon makes my
mouth water. We get delicious
fish here too tho,

Now I want to mention mission
meeting. It was the most wonder-
ful answer to prayer since I've
been in China — as far as work
of Holy Spirit among foreigners is con-
cerned! There was a most marked
power in all the services &
yours prayers for my part
surely were answered — with no
glory to me — all to Him. Mr. Abbott
had suggested two of the business
men here who have recently had
such wonderful conversions to go
to give their witness. My if anything
ever broke thru our cold Presbyterian
armour — that did. There
wasn't a dry eye in the house.
Some said they'd never had such
a service in all the years in
China. It was tremendous
with His power!

8] Each day where there were bitter words feared in the discussions of "Re Thinking Missions" but much to the contrary it seemed to weld all in one more wholly than ever before, The report was ~~disagreed~~ agreed with especially on the theological basis — but criticisms of us — we all want to ~~take~~ take at face value & do all we can to ~~be~~ be the very best representatives of Him that we can. P.M. were for business meetings. We had such a marvelous spirit. There could not but be differences of opinions but all was kept in the real spirit Christ throughout. There is so much reorganization of our work that there is a vast amount of business. The operative committee is not finished yet. The last night we had a communion service ~~which~~ followed a most wonderful meeting in

9] which foreigner (only mercy there) got up & spoke of those inner things of spiritual lives so often hidden, of failures aspirations, & confession of sin. I'm sure next year we will all (& many years) be better for this night — It was surely a mountain top experience, none felt tired nor sleepy tho it was a 4 hr. session!

Sun. Eve. Mr. & Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Evans, Peg Winslett & these two business men (& one wife.) were here for Chinese food. The cook just did make such good food & we had a great evening of spiritual conversation & prayer by each before we broke up. It was surely sweet fellowship!

Stella & Deane stayed here during mission meeting & oh how we talked of you, They were here a day for meals & then had their meals at Mrs. Mateer's. She had gotten an

10] extra servant & was preparing for a large table full. Mr. Abbott & Mr. Van Buren wanted me to go to the Hut (where the meetings were held) & stay with Mrs. Eames instead of living (eating) here alone & going back & forth. So did the others in town. I try to conform as near as possible when I'm in town to their wishes (when I can as well as not) because I am not here much & want to do my part when here. I enjoyed living out there & it was necessary as there were so many extras—committee meetings etc. The days surely were full! Now I'm home again & am trying to get all my letters, reports & pictures sent off before July 17 when I will go to the Hut. Write here just the same.

11) Then I will have a month to swim + play + rest etc.
I'll stay 2 weeks with Martha Wyllie. She's such a peach + trying to plan a nice time for me. I appreciate it too,

Roy have you seen the book "For Sinners Only" by A.J. Russell
that's the book that did so much to change those two men + it's been a blessing to many.
by Hadden + Staughton
"God In the Slums" Hugh Redwood I read at home, Re. London Salvation Army Slum work + a new one I've not seen "God In the Shadows" by him. Have you seen it? I hope to read a bit this summer.

Mother of that money of mine will you write to

to "The Monthly Evening Sky Map
Leon Barritt, 244 Adams Street.
Brooklyn, N.Y.

and subscribe for 1 year $1.50 for me. If you'd like to have the boys see it

12] first, then mail it to me first!! Do that. I want to have it for a year to study stars out in the country. If I don't get it just on time it doesn't matter so let them see it first. Will you also sent $2 to the Inst. Alum. Ass. as the enclosed card indicates & to whom.

Thank you.

Did you tell me, what that $5 postal money order was that came in May here from you. Whose was it & for what?

Honey dear, I must close & will write again. Two callers have just come so I'll visit with them at first & then have a little sleep. Dinner is over. I've been half day doing this little letter!

Much much love to you, my dear mother.

I love you, Irene

July 24, 1933
Iltis Huk,
Tsingtao.

Dearest Mummie Mine:

Honey dear, I want to visit today with you — Are you hot? My but we are hot here! Terrific! We are sitting out on the screened porch-living room of a little low cottage right by the sea. where we can see the waves all the time + hear the roar roar day + night. Looking one way the Yellow Sea stretches as far as one can see and to the other side is the bay with its mountains — It is lovely, lovely here — I came out last Monday nite to be with Martha Wylie for a couple of weeks. If she goes to Korea with her brother the first of August I'll probably go over to Mrs. Eames with Anita

H Irwin for another couple of weeks. We are to have six weeks of vacation but I may take two weeks next winter. I could have stayed in town but wanted to be with Martha & Vans though I should get clear away to have a change. Not that I needed it especially as my life is mostly change but since it was what I wanted to do anyway that is what I'm doing.

Here is this chance – I'm with foreigners all the time & eating foreign food. We surely do enjoy our good meals too! First had tenderloin & onions & blackberry pie!

Upid laugh at our car. I say our without any real reason however. One of the men of whose conversion I spoke in one letter is a good friend of the Wrights. They & Martha & have rented

3] from him a little green Whippett-Overland car. All think we're plutocrats to have it — because the renting rate is $160.00 a month ordinary but he lets them have it for $30.00 for the month. So divided up among two families & the four over here to help Martha it is cheap & such fun! We call it "Slimy Minnie" but it goes just the same. I can't but think of our old Dodge at this time last summer! Yesterday we'd gotten part way in town & here we'd a flat tire. We walked a little way to a gas station & found a man who'd fix it — fortunate as can be! There aren't many gas stations — nor men who can repair cars — but we got in town all right! You'd surely be amused to see us in it so much like our old $10 bus last year with its $9 battery! Didn't we have fun? Mumsie dear, I'm thinking of you so much!

4] just this time last year that we were up at the cabin + soon will be just a year since I have left you honey dear. The years slip by so soon + filled with so much that I sometimes wonder whether I just dreamed of our year — but I am so glad + grateful for our time together.

The last couple of days Martha has been getting letters of the serious illness of her father + had to face it as I did in 1927. I seem to have lived again thru those days with her + her letters + grief. How fresh it all seems but still again I praise Him for the marvelous joy that he is waiting us there + will come for us with Jesus someday! Martha's only brother, Abe, is also in China (at Paotingfu) + he is coming tomorrow to be with her. My! she is fortunate to have him + to be with her at this time! I'm so glad too for it, it will be so much easier —

5] Martha went in for me Mon eve, Miss Fan + Miss Hua came too in the car + we had a weiner roast down on the beach. It was the first such picnic Miss Hua had ever been to + it was Miss Fan's second. They just loved it. We sat on the rocks to sing + had prayer + the sky just was a pageant of bright stars + the sea so lovely. We went once more with Margaret Winlett before she left + had a picnic. Friday the whole group of "Unmarried women" - the single problems as someone laughingly called us 24 in number - each with her own food met way out on the point for supper. It was lovely the waves on the rocks, a gorgeous sunset then again in the stillness we sang under the stars - They were from all over China - South + west + it was quite an event!

Yesterday the Turners, who have a big house + a most wonderful

6) I lawn had a tea — a big one which included most everyone — They had big lawn umbrellas out with tables under them & such quantities of cake, sandwiches & punch! Then after tea we had a ride up thru the lovely hills near here! We get up at six & go down to the rocks for Bible study 'til seven then have a dip in the sea before breakfast! about noon too we go in & sometimes at 4 again. By the time we get all of the swims in, three meals a day, tea & sleep, the day just is gone! You'll see from this that I'm having a vacation & no doubt of it eh? Have enjoyed my guitar too & star map etc!—

Miss Fan is in my rooms in town. Their family had a threat from the bandits & now just as the Kaoliang is so high they can hide in it & no one can get them so it just wasn't

] safe for her to go home. Her smaller brother is with her + he's watering the yard + flowers too. It is nice to have them there + I'm surely glad to have a place where she can go!

Mr. West came down from his station at Weihsien + told this thrilling story. A theological student named Chang was in a village for vacation. Communists got him + accused him of being a bandit. "No," he said, "I'm studying for ministry." "Well, that's what has made our country all upset, so we'll kill you for that." "No," he said, "If all would follow Jesus the country would not be in its present condition. But you can't kill me unless God permits it. If He does, I'm not afraid." They took him to a magistrate who also said they would kill him. "All right" he answered. The magistrate wanted him to recant. "If you'll say you're not a Christian we'll spare you."

8) "You may kill me but I'll never deny Christ"! After several repetitions of this the magistrate at last said - "Well, I believe you're a christian & if one you're not a bandit but had you recanted your faith we would have killed you for a bandit! Imagine!) He just got away & back to the church to hear the benediction pronounced & then told his story, then followed a great praise service. There "his loyalty actually saved his life"! I'll take a wee nap & I'll write later dear!

Now I've had a grand sleep I'll write some more. Your two good letters came last week. Glad you've had nice flowers blooming. Mine are snapdragons & larkspur, Mrs. Van has had nice ones too ~~from the seed.~~

Sorry - about the Woodburn Bank - My! It will ~~affect~~ so

10) many. Honey do you need any money?
I'm putting some money away each
month for you. Shall I have it
sent at once to you dearest?
I do want you to tell me. How are
Eula + Ray fixed? Have you enuf
to pay your share?

Mumsie precious, why would I
think hard of you for cutting your hair — I wouldn't
think hard of you honey if you shaved
it. If you enjoy it + it is nicer
I'm sure it was the thing. I cut
the straggling tails off of mine on
boat coming back + during this
year it has thickened much. I roll
it on a pencil to make a tight
long roll in back. I'm sure dear
you look very nice. Mine has
grown — not less white — but
enuf to make my hats tight.

That reminds me all here are
wearing big straw hats — like
the old sun hats — we got one
each the other morning for 30¢
has a string under the chin
+ I wear mine mostly like I
used to the sunbonnets which
you sometimes used to get
on me — on the back of my neck.

III That surely is a grand scheme for Eula + Ray to exchange pulpits. Eula will enjoy it & the change will be good! That's fine – Both congregations will have twins all the same eh?
That was so sweet of Richard + Winfield to invite you. I wonder if you went or did go up to Uncle Arthur's, I fear you'll have a hotter time up there tho Los Angeles can't be cool, I'll be glad to hear all about it.

Emmett & his rose hobby is great! I had such a good letter about them.

Mother dear, I don't think you need write Dr. Dodd. Dr. Weisler is trying + thinks he may do something wants to try for sometime. Dr. Dodd couldn't help me I guess. It isn't that there is something that can't be done + we won't. All here are trying – Of course if Dr. Dodd finds something else –
I'm taking a German "Eumenal"

4 tablet now to try out. It'll
be all right I'm sure dear, don't
worry. If I think Dr. Wheeler
isn't doing all possible there
are mission doctors I can consult.
I have Dr. West but she sees nothing
beyond what I've had done.
She writing the history - no name - to
American Medical Journal to see,
My how the years have flown - six
years. Daddy Si's birthday is tomorrow.

Honey, I didn't pay any duty on
any of the candy or cake last
year. I think that is all right.
Never worry to send me Christmas
things dear! You keep your money
for your needs honey mine!

I'm enclosing the one picture
I took inside of my living room,
I meant to get some other angles of the
other side with table + book case
but it was difficult against the
light. We had the fireplace filled
with flowers. Sorry we didn't this
day. Mrs. Swope's gift of the Newport
seagulls is just above the stand lamp
at right are tea tables. Don't you
think that they did a good job
with the davenport? That is
really what I wanted you to see.

13 The kitchen door is back of davenport & the other door leads into Tewksbury's side of the house. The little rug in front of davenport is same colors as the davenport. The little low table is a chinese table. The lamp used to be the one I had at home - white enameled same shade frame but with Chinese silk covering & fringe.

My picture-books are done of the last trip. I'll send them to Bessie since you'll all be away - You see them, let Oregon City, Bethel, Woodburn, Aurora, the church in Portland & Roseburg Young People's. I have two. I'll send one to Edith & let her send it to Teaneck. The other can be for the Oregon group. I suppose sent after Roseburg is thru to the Synodical - or wherever Eula thinks!

My stories - about the wedding I am going to ask Roy to see about & use as he thinks best. I'll write him later -

Bye-bye sweetheart - Love - Irene